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**Maynard Board of Health Meeting
January 24, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.
(Hybrid – Town Hall and Zoom)**

Meeting Minutes – January 24, 2023 – Meeting

The Maynard Board of Health held a meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 6:30pm. Kathy McMillan, Lisa Thuot, and Jodi Larkin were present, and Ivan Kwagala, health Director, was also in attendance.

I. Call Meeting to Order

A motion was made by K. McMillan and seconded by L. Thuot to open the Board of Health meeting at 6:34pm. The motion was supported unanimously.

II. Maynard Public Schools- Advocate for the AEDs

Janet, the public-school nurse, proposed to the Board of Health to allot some of the APA funds to purchase new AED devices for the schools. She stated that as part of her processing, she noticed that the current AED devices are getting old but still working. She spoke to their distributor and recommended having the AED on a rotation basis to start replacing them. As a result, she received quotes for the device to present to the Board of Health. She gave two quotes: one is to replace the same brand devices called Onsite AED that cost **\$1,085** apiece and ask for six that are not in stock. The second one is FR Capital (smart AED with a key), which costs **\$1,295** apiece and is in stock. She points out parents' concerns on social media about not having enough AED to go around to all the training fields but clarifies that there are enough AED. In addition, she stated that they are required to have one AED per building by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) and one per outside by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MAIAA). They currently have four wall-mounted at the high school in a portable; Fowler and Green Meadows have two wall-mounted in portable. Also, she stated that with COVID-19, some athletes have sudden cardiac issues, which is why they are mandating cardiac screening after COVID-19. And after the event involving an NFL football player stirred up news, the school received emails and phone calls and brought them to the superintendent to ensure there were enough AED to go out to the fields. The Board of Health asked questions about the AED, the current AED, and the funding of the devices. The health Director asked the Board of Health to consider staff turnover in public health. And he reminded the Board of Health that the APA funds are set aside to hire a new public health nurse and health inspector to provide the required public health services. They stated that they would discuss it.

III. Public Health Director Update

The director updated the Board of Health about the case of Shigella. The Director received a foodborne illness complaint from the state Department of Public Health of Shigella with a complicated restaurant (Great Gold in Market Basket). The Director investigated the complaint. In his findings, the Director identified one risk factor and discussed it with the restaurant operator.

IV. Capacity Assessment Update

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Also, the Director updated the Board about the response he received about the capacity assessment results. In addition, the state Department of Public Health is setting up local public health training for standardization. These training courses are to assure consistency in public health services across Massachusetts. There are three tiers of training: online, in-class comprehensive, and in-field training.

V. Public Health Nurse

The Director completed drafting the budget justification for the public health nurse position. He provided a copy to the Board of Health and the town administration office. The justification is to provide the following services to the town residents: The position will lead in Investigating and reporting cases of over 90 infectious diseases, including tuberculosis; enter data into MAVEN and complete disease investigation duties; manage foodborne disease outbreaks; hold immunization clinics and disease screenings; provide chronic disease self-management counseling; educate the public about the risk of vector-borne infections (mosquitoes and ticks); enforce isolation and quarantine regulations. Emergency Preparedness Conduct all-hazards planning, including emergency dispensing site plans; inspect shelters. The Director stated that the next step after the Board of Health approves it is to send it to the Board of Selectmen to be included in the budget.

VI. Other Updates

The Director closed out a housing case at 19 Parker Street. Also, he stated that there was a suspected case of Ebola. The MetroWest Shared service has been helping the town investigate and monitor the case for 21 days. Next, the Director said he would work on some food inspection while updating the fee schedule to hire a health inspector. He said he might push back some inspections until he finishes updating the fee schedule. Lastly, a Board of Health member provided an update on the Solid Waste Task Force meeting.

VII. Approve meeting minutes.

The Board of Health motioned to accept the minutes of December 27, 2022, with some modifications.

VII. Other (Public Comments)

No public comments

IX. Adjournment

The Board of Health motioned to adjourn from January 24, 2023, at 7:45pm for the Board of Health meeting.

Meeting closed: 7:45 p.m.

